




refreshment
and change



hello and welcome to my first

allow me to
introduce myself - my
name is ellen, ellyn,
LN*, Ln, umm, yea,
you get the idea.

Zines + snails =  mania!

now that that's out of
the way - stats on me

name: ellen (duh) ^{me} me!

age: 17

location: different all the
time, a mere state of
mind (okay, usually a
bit west of Saint Louis)

reason: Snail + Style
revolution, Sweet!

emotion: umm, why did

I leave that singular?

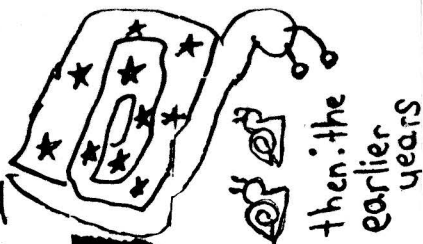
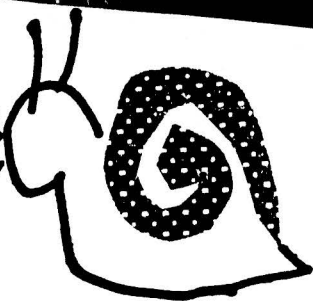
pets: 2 stuffed birds,
bignose and fritz

"real" creation, I call it Snailmania.

SNAIL MAIL

Okay, I don't need to convince anyone on just how great snail mail is! I got my first Penpal in 4th grade and had several non-zine pals, but lots of them went through the chail-letter-phase. But when you open the letterbox, and find some snail-mail, you feel real good, at least I do. then I get all excited. 3 cheers for @ mail!

Let's take a look..



then the earlier years



factory showroom



john henry



apollo 18



flood



misc. T



lincoln



the pink drink wng/b

Eight Super Giants!

CORNELIA the snail



CORNELIA the snail went to the store, there was nothing to buy, it was a great bore.

STORE

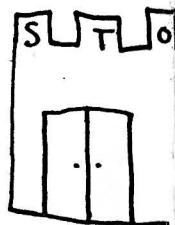
Where were the socks?
Where were the shoes?
Everything was gone,
She had the blues...



CORNELIA was sad
She was depressed
She was upset
- a downright mess!



She strolled a bit further
and needless to say, she
found a new store,
it was a new day




things to buy -
her heart's content
when she was done,
she had spent every cent!




but cornelia was sad
she didn't get far
for her money couldn't buy
a bright, shiny star

the end

Lunch → 

on the last day of
finals, some seniors let
a bunch of mice free in
the school. well, lemme
tell you, there's some real
ignorant people at school,
but I won't get into all
that. but cori saved one,
and I get to share, since
I wasn't around when it
happened. we're kind
of afraid he'll die soon,
but we hope he'll be alright.
he's soft and likes to
eat. I like to eat, too.
her parents don't know
about lunch yet though,
but he lives there. I get
to keep him here when
she goes to europe, yeah!

I don't know if
you can still get
issue #1, but it
was a good #one!
She actually made
iss. one on her
Computer! high tech 



DISHWASHER
P.O. Box 8213 PORTLAND OR 97207

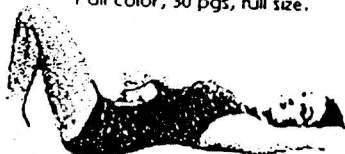
Send some money (\$2?)
to pete! his zine
is about his mission
to wash dishes in
every state. funny
stories and more,
you know you want one!

get your copy of...

Quirk

Issue #1 - Girly and Loving It

Featuring "Getting Revenge Girly Style", how
to stop men from invading your space,
feminists and porn, and more more more.
Full color, 30 pgs, full size.



Send your \$2 ppd. to: Brandy / Box 490 /
Deep River, ONT / K0J 1P0 / Canada
No cheques (money orders & don't write on it)

don't write on it

more possible theories...





Where is everyone?

come out and play!

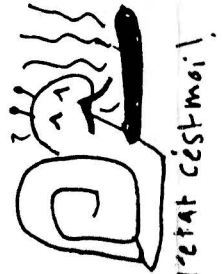
giant snail ship came
and got everyone, I
missed the boat, arr!

Europe. possibly
snail sighting... perhaps
8 hours ahead...

asleep, dreaming
of snails  zzzzz

at the lake or
ocean, talking w/
snails 


at the store
searching for
snail goods...



out west, to
meet and greet
cowgirl and boy
snails (they
ride horses...)

at a french restaurant - oh no!

snails had their revenge. bowl fulla people-
spread for crackers. (snails have teeth
on their tongues...)

hiding from
the 
revolution.



snails
by
Derric
(he does
the best
Snail (and
other) work

Ode to Snails

O Snail, O Snail,
How do I love thee..
Hard outer shell
Squishy body

Big snails,
Small snails
Short snails
Tall snails
Snails are great-
I love all snails!

Snail Art and poems



(I think it's pretty!)

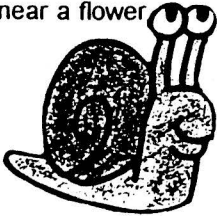


sorry - I draw
ugly snails

Snail by Lisa
Carver (Roller-
derby) ↑ get it!
LCC \$3
box 474
Dover NH 03821

@ö interviews @ö @ö

EllynStar: cool. can i interview you about snails then? Mikewyz: what about em?
 E first of all, do you like them? M i have nothing against them. E but do you like them? M. hm....sure E bien! if you had a snail, what would it's name be?
 M maybe....lightnin' E neat! umm, what kind of music do you think snail like best?
 M reggae E why reggae? M cause its kinda slow and groovin, like them
 E and if you were a snail, where do you think you would live, and what would you do? (maybe just for a a day) M i'd want to live in some moist, shady ground near a flower
 E with dirt? M oh yeah what about red clay? (like Freddie Hubbard?) M i know that song! yeah, i'm down w/ that E would you eat a snail if it came down to it?
 M nah. E good for you! Jen ate snails once, she said she M yuck. i don't eat meat, anyway



Mike ↑ Happe ↓

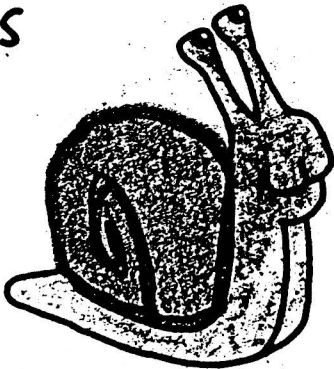
HappeHoe: whoaaa EllynStar: may I interview you about snails? Happe yeah :) ★ rule- do you like snails? Happe muahaha yes ★ if you had a snail, what would it's name be? Happe bela! :) ★ what kind of music do you think snails like best? Happe gothic ★ why gothic? Happe Cause snails are all slow and crap, and they would like to listen to slow dark music.

poems



Little Snail
Hilda Conkling

I saw a snail
 Come down the garden walk,
 He wagged his head this way ... that way ...
 Like a clown in a circus.
 He looked from side to side
 As though he were from a different country.
 I have always said he carries his house on his back ...
 Today in the rain
 I saw that it was his umbrella!

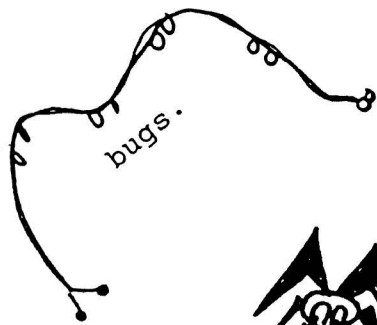


Snail
Langston Hughes

Little Snail,
 Dreaming you go.
 Weather and rose
 Is all that you know.

Weather and rose
 Is all you see,
 Drinking
 The dewdrop's
 Mystery.





bugs.

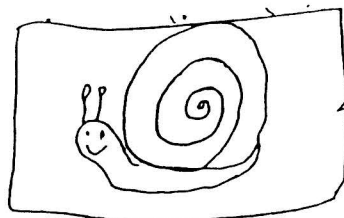


I saw these bugs at school one day, after watching too much t.v.
I would think school was a big cover-up to make us get addicted to t.v.
if I didn't know better. But I was feeling a bit naucious after so much
and started to see everything as a bug. I had two pages full, but here's
some of the ones I liked more.





Snails by Mike(wyz)



Mr. snailz doesn't
have to go to
school so he's happy!

snail by Katrina

(I found it when I was looking through
all of my old letters. I think it's
pretty old. Katrina wants to work
with dolphins and children when
she...ahem....grows up. she also
plays french horn - lets hear it for
band nerds!)



just side mallas!

Big Nose and Fritz

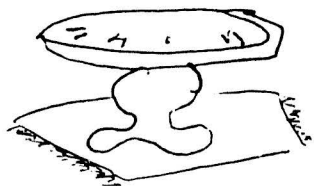
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②

Fritz looked around. There was something odd about the restaurant, there was only one table. "Big Nose, I don't think this —"

"This restaurant" said Big Nose. "What is an escargot?" Fritz asked. "Don't know, but its French Food so it should be good. Come on."

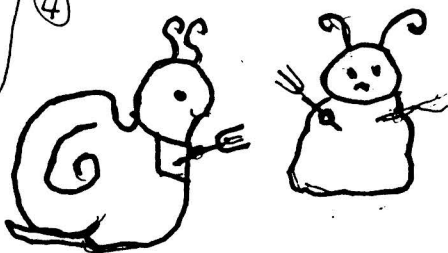


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Too late! The door banged shut. Big Nose and Fritz were thrown on the table. 6 huge snails were holding knives forks. "Help!" Big Nose yelled.

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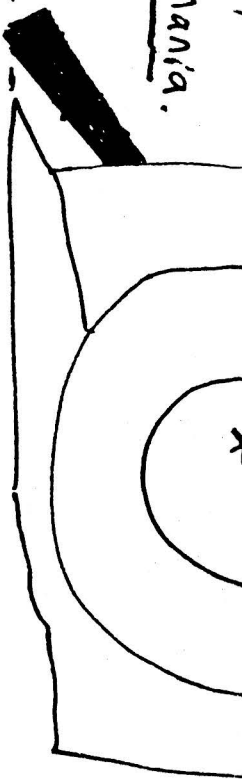


"What's the problem?" asked the head snail. "It's only Fair, Snails have to eat too."

Is this the end of our heroes? Tune in next time

of Snailmania.

He can



answer any snail / life / music / zines (this one at least)
questions. ~~like~~ Better than Ann and Abby or 17
or Teen, or any of that. (send any mail/questions
to ellen)

✓ Sox likes

1 @ music

@ other snails

@ mail

@ grapefruit juice

@ crayons

(dislikes)

✗ drugs

✗ tv

✗ winter

✗ dogs

✗ half-truths

(aspirations)

★ Snailmania II

★ see TMBG
up close

★ make good
music

★ speak German

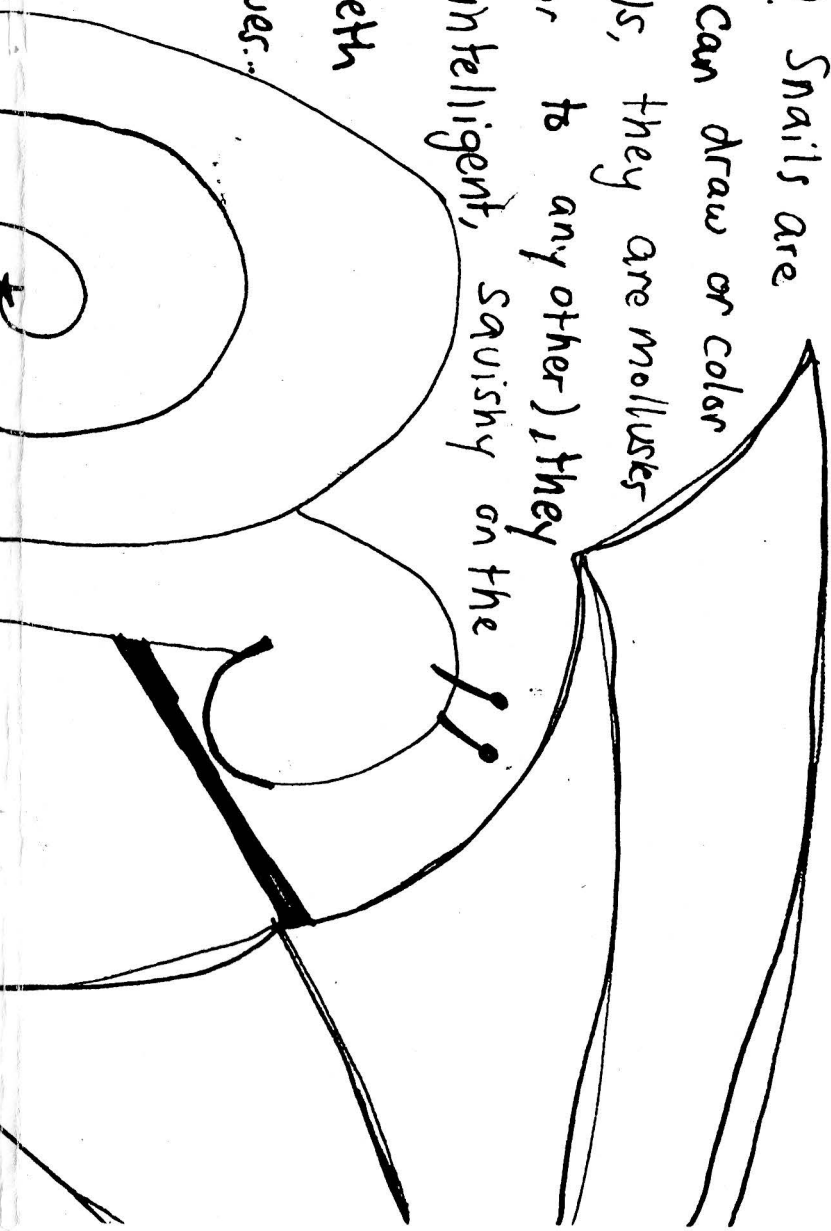
Sox

Meet Sox snail!

Sox welcomes you and yours to snail style revolution.

Why snails? Snails are great! You can draw or color in the shells, they are mollusks (far superior to any other), they are quiet, intelligent, saucy on the inside, have teeth on their tongues...

Sox thanks you for this purchase



swing. i dunno what the big fascination is all of the sudden, or why no one seemed to care about it just a few short months ago even, but swing is making a pretty big crash into whats going on in whos listening to what today.. it shows when youre smashed up close to the stage by a completely sold out crowd at a big bad voodoo daddy concert and loving every minute, and for more than just the simple reason that Dirk's one hell of an attractive cat. It was kind of a microcosm of society up there.. youve got the frontman Scotty who's like grandmaster flash, and Dirks the guy who just hangs back and shoots chicks the eye being smooth.. the kid is the little wirey guy that the girls equally dig.. just one question, who *IS* that trombone player? and you know he never gets laid, you can tell. as for the band's playing, they bring it all crashing down. and they blow fans all over the place too, cuz of those big suits they wear, which was nice for those up near the stage too. i think if i had to pick out one thing that was uncool about the whole night it would have to be.. hmm.. oh yeah, the fact that no one swing danced with me. a bunch of skanks! oh well, maybe next time... -mario

actually, for me, that few short months ago, was April 1997, when an online pal said to get the snz cd. i like swing, it draws away from the evil post grunge era... lemme know your thoughts on old/neo swing. (that concert was the baddest thing, oh yea! it swung my world! - Someone send me some drawings of snail swingers!)



where
are
my
two tones
?

Neptune's Darling Distro
455 key road
collierville, tn 38017

a few of the zines we distro: this is the arkansas kids' section of the catalog. their state will soon be the new punk rock capital of the universe.

thoughts on love#1: \$.10 or a stamp

teenage timebomb#1: \$.55 + 2 stamps

karyn's head#7: \$.70 + 3 stamps

nolite te bastardes

carborundum#2: \$.80 + 3 stamps

life is my favorite lo-fi mess: \$.90 + 3 stamps

***send 2 stamps for our full catalog with lotsa other great

Happe's Snail

So i said to Happe
"draw a snail for me" he had
to use a picture, which
is kind of cheating,
but it's very nice.

Mario's Snail ↓ (otherside)

oh my goodness! there's someone
where mario works
named luigi! oh no!
mario teaches
him "bad"
english!



d.i.y. fashions
 (all the rage with those crazy kids!)
 I'm all for it! I don't really make
 anything neat, but I like to play around
 with ideas and stuff. It actually helps
 relieve some stress if your not all to
 serious about it. I was inspired by
 Go Teen Go! number 2, but a few more
 ideas....

Cori's suave shoes- she used some of
 those (insert adjective here) shoes- the
 wood sandals. (I think Dr.Sholl's or
 whatthatbrand) She put stickers all
 over them, and there's tinsel wrapped
 around the umm, nonwood part. She's
 a fashion genius I tell ya!

Clara's close pins- one day last year,
 I saw Cara way across the hall with
 close pins in her hair like barrettes,
 res chic! I thought "man, you could
 go all crazy decorating those with
 markers, paints, stickers, yarn, string,
 glitter, etc...

essie's sewing- she really knows how
 to sew! I envy her, making pants and
 skirts and dresses and all that crazy
 tuff! Everyone loves her and her style!

my random ideas- I get most of my
 clothes in a big sack at church sales
 for a buck or two, which isn't doing
 me too much, but it's what I do...I like
 sack slacks (goodness no pleats!) and
 shirts and chucks for most occasions.
 Sometimes I make jewelry (Schmuck
 for all you German speakers) out of
 telephone wire...but let your mind
 be in control of what you wear, not someone
 who just wants you for some money!

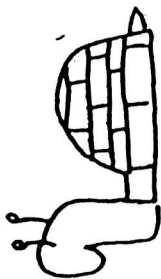
go teen go



teen sexuality and gender identity
 do it yourself fashions
 pass the buck records

\$2

Theresa Molter
 6255 E. Via del Arbo
 Tuscon AZ 85750



TRYING IT ON FOR SIZE

Snails I know

I've been collecting snails for a few years now, but they are hard to find! I find most of mine at junk sales and antique stores. I got several in Germany- they love the snail there! It's great! So I would like you to meet some of the snails I know.

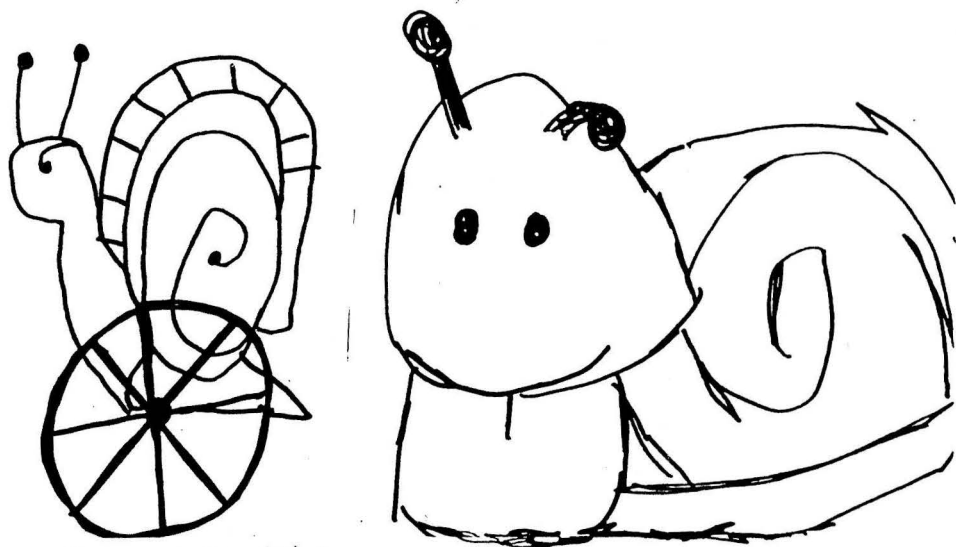
Snail lamp- ooh! I don't remember what the occasion was, but I got a lovely snail lamp from the `rents. It has a dim bulb so it's nice for a dark night, and good to read with late in the night.



Wind-up snail- Actually, I have two wind- up snails, one has a key! They are fun to race, but the key snail has a wobbly path, it's usually a bit slower.

Salt and Peppa' snails- Momma found these at an antique store. They sit on a leaf and there are two smaller ones just for decoration. The leaf is lime green, they are dark orange and yellow... I think it's is meant for a tea set, but I keep change in the big two!

Wheeled snails- Cori found these in the merry-go-round gift shop. they were made in Germany (let's face it, it should be called the Empire of Snail!) and are greatfun to race. There is a blue snail with a red wheel, and a red snail with green wheels.



German Snails!

Snail Set- A lovely gift from my host family. Oh so nice! One plush snail, one pad of snail paper (which I couldn't ever use!) a snail pencil, and a snail eraser. They are all in the styling of Mr. Steinbeck, who has department space in the big stores just for snails! Wow!

The small wind-up snail- I got him at the Trodlmakrt for either 4 or 8 DM, but Sandra said that was too much. It's so cute, I don't think she understands this fetish of mine!



↑ this was the chocolate snail →
snail graffiti (sp?) above

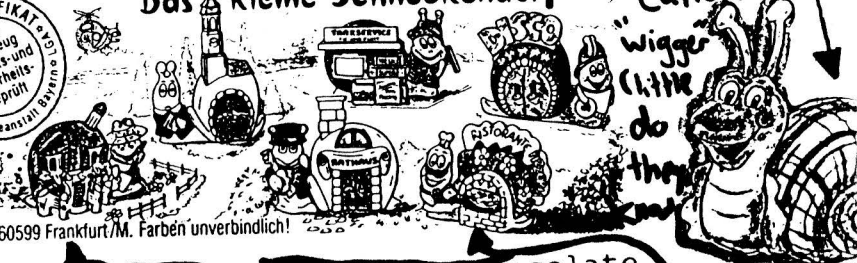
purchased from a store

Das kleine Schneckendorf

Called



Ferrero D-60599 Frankfurt/M. Farben unverbindlich!



"Wigger" little do they

I have these!

Kindereier snails- They have chocolate 'eggs' there with little toys to put together as a surprise. There are neat things in them, but my favorites are the snails. I have the pizzeria snail and the garden snail. They are about an inch or so, I wish I could get the rest of the set!

Other German snails- Inch tall wooden snail (a small wonder gift from Frau) Chocolate shaped snail (Mmmmm, I still have the wrapper though) Window decoration snail, I gotta go back and

snail from a card that said "kein stress" (lib "don't worry or no stress")

Tapes for trade

(okay, I don't have many,
but you - yes, you can help)

TMBG

8-28-89 Live in London (45min)

9-19-96 House of Blues (90min)

(not recommended)

11-13-97 Mercury Lounge (90min)

Soul Coughing

5-13-95 Cabaret Metro

Chicago IL

(55 min (about))

Björk 8-7-95

Warehouse, Toronto, Canada

(about 55min.)



Wanna trade for a mix tape?

lemme know. I also have a butt

CD called "Quodibet" w/ good live

stuff... all kinds of stuff. I'm

working on getting more



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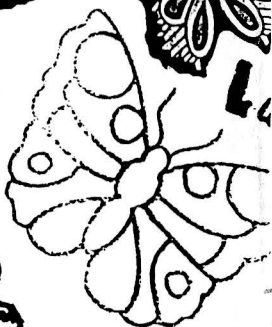


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The Missouri Department of Conservation publishes a booklet called "Butterfly Gardening and Conservation" which lists Missouri butterflies and their favorite plants. To order, write "Butterfly Gardening and Conservation" Missouri Department of Conservation, P.O. Box 180, Jefferson City

more tapes for trade

TMBG 2-24-94 Vienna Austria
Mono Puff 6-27-96 9:30 Club, D.C.

2nd Trumpet
#132

DANCE OF THE TUMBLERS

10

The musical score is written on multiple staves. At the top left, a trumpet icon is drawn. At the top right, a large, stylized musical note is drawn. The central part of the score is a large, irregular shape containing a collage of text and images. The text includes:

- deletion @ takako mine kawa
- deletion @ LGB @ bek @ juliana
- deletion @ suck dog por tish head
- deletion @ los jazz björk @
- deletion @ mecca mono puff @ veruca salt
- deletion @ pizzicato 5 @ the cocktails
- deletion @ MU330

There are also several blacked-out areas and a large, stylized musical note at the bottom right.

please for give me.

more thoughts on writing...
i have good ideas, i really just
need to learn to communicate
them. I have real ideas of things
to write - not just reviews, or
small little pieces, or tape
lists... but all my ideas are
ever changing in my head, it's
hard to just grab one and say
it - change. everything seems to
change after it has been put
into words.

writing.

it seems so easy and fun.
the next day, i turn to
hate everything i did.
which means everything
on these pages is 'quality'.
strange, isn't it? if i
like something for more
than 2 days, it's in, i
want to do a happy
sad production, to show
both sides. who knows,
it might be a better
medium. at least different

please understand.

It's ~~almost~~ like soloing in jazz
band. I have great ideas in my
head, they never stop to let me catch
them. I haven't been able to communicate
through jazz yet because my lips and fingers and
instrument/vocals don't all agree.

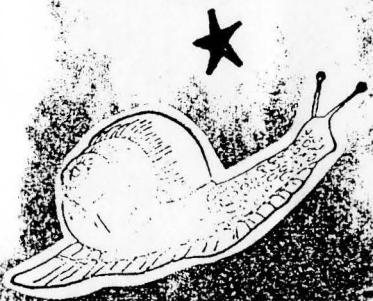
Issue Two Resolutions

- + make copies fit better + outline interview questions + better handwriting when not typed
- + know which materials print better than others
- + leave a margin + less big sketches and drawings of little importance + try using backgrounds

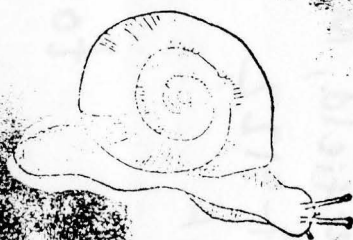
hey

Issue Two

It's hard to think that I'm already planning issue in my head a bit! I only have a few pages lined out on paper! I want to write about bathrooms in the next issues, bathrooms at your houses, at mine public ones, what you keep in your bathroom, what your friends keep in theirs, stories, pictures, drawings, odes, comix, poems, anything at all. I would also like to print your ad, or trade zines with you. I would like to print everyone's list of bootlegs they have to trade. I'll really accept anything at all! Send me your tips on zine makin' too! I would love to hear what you all think, constructive criticism, hate mail, whatever you've got! I've had a lot of fun so far, and hope this gets finished someday! Oh yes, send any snail material you want, as that will always be the true intention of mine! Thank you very, very much! LN*



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